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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Retail demand was mostly light and selective with ad activity minimal. Food service was light to at times moderate for active fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were readily available for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow to fair, and usually limited to regular commitments. Breast items were sufficient to fully adequate, and dark meat was adequate to ample. Wings were available with smaller sizes at times closer balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 02/20/06 was 63.59 compared to 62.87 a week earlier, and 71.47 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 69.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 73.75 cents last year on February 23, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	138.50
BREASTS - B/S	111.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	90.50
LEG QUARTERS	21.50
WINGS	101.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady at best. Demand into all channels was slow to fair with limited trading. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was moderate at best. Availability of all items was adequate to ample, longest for dark meat items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly light to fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs with 4 pound sizes in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was fair, best where retail promotions were noted. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Leg cuts were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were fully sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady to barely steady on adequate to ample offerings. Fill in trading was noted on 3 up wogs delivered into Chicago at 44 cents. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate with fast food sectors receiving best draw on promotional items. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights were mostly desirable. In the parts complex, supplies of wings were adequate to close, while the remainder of parts was adequate to ample in availability, especially on dark meat cuts. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on wings; barely steady to weak on breast cuts, and weak on dark meat items.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was barely steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Buyers' interest was fair at best. Retail demand was fairly good overall, best where featured. Floor stocks generally adequate for current needs. Trade sentiments were weak on dark meat and about steady on white.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 18, 2006. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 18, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through February 18, 2006 were 1.22 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 02/18/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	215,334	213,897	+01
CHICKS PLACED	174,372	175,869	-01

Source: USDA, NASS

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 01-Apr-06 is estimated at 161.2 million head. This compares to 160.9 million head the previous week and to 165.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.65 cents per pound.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	600	85.00-145.00	-	98.63
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	226	21.00-42.00	22-23	23.42
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	586	14.00-22.00	15	15.24
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	890	16.00-25.00	18-19	19.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	93.00-101.00	95-98	96.93
WINGS (CUT)	250	112.00-121.00	116-119	117.64
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
37.50 - 43.00	38.77	39.06

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light and selective as dealers limited floor stocks to mostly normal commitments. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Tenderloins were well cleared and wings were fully sufficient. Most dark meat cuts were at least adequate to readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair at best with limited feature activity noted. The market tone was barely steady to weak for most dark meat cuts and boneless skinless thigh meat. Tenders were at least steady. Other items were no better than steady.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

CURRENT NEG				FEBRUARY 22, 2006			
ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	105.86	632,680	BREAST - B/S	115	106.08	731,780
TENDERLOINS	90-95	96.18	151,937	TENDERLOINS	90-95	91.90	80,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	63.30	108,800	BREAST - WITH RIBS	57-58	69.35	52,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	57	59.38	109,000	BREAST - LINE RUN	57	59.25	72,000
LEGS	35-36	34.16	218,320	LEGS	34-35	30.60	242,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	25.10	422,472	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	21.14	207,680
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	32.24	91,150	DRUMSTICKS	24-25	33.21	55,360
THIGHS	28-29	37.62	52,530	THIGHS	27-28	37.45	37,880
B/S THIGHS	92-93	93.26	151,880	B/S THIGHS	90-91	86.20	41,560
WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	93.69	261,480	WINGS (WHOLE)	98-99	102.81	149,040
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.65	21,320	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.50	19,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.58	15,840	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.12	4,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.08	21,640	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	50.19	9,400

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	02/22	02/21	02/20	02/17	02/20	02/17	02/15	02/13
Alabama	4,025	3,986	3,669	4,051	5.51	5.21	3,982	5.42
Arkansas	5,103	5,150	4,199	4,768	5.37	4.99	5,279	5.19
Delmarva	2,321	2,310	2,258	2,559	5.74	5.88	2,241	5.69
KY-LA-TN	2,275	2,283	1,976	2,559	4.89	4.83	2,231	5.09
Mississippi	2,846	2,637	2,739	3,285	5.88	5.51	2,798	5.87
North Car	2,635	2,598	2,271	2,745	6.64	6.69	2,506	6.75
Texas	2,397	2,432	2,490	2,475	5.35	5.08	2,521	5.29
Total	21,602	21,396	19,602	22,451	5.61	5.41	21,558	5.56
Mon-Wed	64,162(A)						64,082(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Feb-06 is estimated to be 32,319,000 head down 0.10 percent from a week ago and up 4.68 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,350,000, last year 30,875,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-106
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Feb-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/25/06 (1)	02/18/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	161,783 (2)	166,223
Light hens	1,061	1,058
Heavy hens	1,434	1,328
Total	164,278	168,609

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Feb-06 is 163.9 million head compared to 158.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.1 million head or 1.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 04-Mar-06 the estimated available is 163.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/20/06	61,976	70,304
AM 02/01/06	52,434	73,883
CHG	9,542	-3,579
PCT CHG	18	-5

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/20/06	02/13/06	02/21/05	02/20/06	02/13/06	02/21/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	2,094	2,215	2,321	6,366	6,169	6,821
LOS ANGELES	50	51	65	3,284	3,317	3,651

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2006

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 76-78
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 77-86

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**FOR 2/21/06**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.90	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	4.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.75	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.40	2.15	1.72	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	7.00	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	42						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 17, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	43.45	125.99	82.55	17.38	4.34	69.51
High	69.51	130.34	86.89	21.72	8.69	69.51
Mostly	43.45	125.99	82.55	17.38	4.34	69.51

SAN JUAN

Low	43.45	125.99	78.20	17.38	4.34	69.51
High	69.51	130.34	86.89	21.72	8.69	69.51
Mostly	43.45	125.99	82.55	17.38	4.34	69.51

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	43.45	130.34	78.20	17.38	4.34	73.86
High	69.51	139.03	86.89	21.72	8.69	73.86
Mostly	43.45	130.34	78.20	17.38	4.34	73.86

BECERRA

Low	43.45	130.34	86.89	17.38	4.34	78.20
High	71.68	139.03	95.58	21.72	8.69	78.20
Mostly	43.45	134.68	91.24	17.38	4.34	78.20

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light, instances fair and best where retail promotions were stimulating some additional activity. Offerings were fully adequate to well cleared on the 3.00 pound size, fully adequate and competitively priced on the 4.00 sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Leg cuts and wings were in ample supply. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 02/13/06 WAS 11,148,567 @ 5.71 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	53-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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